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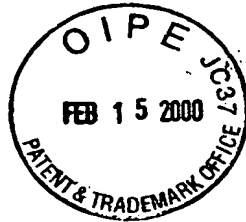
IN RE THE APPLICATION OF

Paul Colin Barson et al.

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FURTHER RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION OF OCTOBER 5, 1999

Honorable Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In further response to the Examiner's final Office Action of October 5, 1999, it is requested that the application be amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Amend claims 1, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 20, 21, 22 as follows:

1. (twice amended) A method of detecting anomalies in the transmission of messages by an entity by storing information relating to the transmission of messages by the entity over a given time period and using an anomaly detector, said method comprising the steps of:
- (i) creating a signature comprising a plurality of parameters related to the transmission of messages over that time period wherein the parameters comprise at least one parameter related to the transmission of messages over a portion of the period and also related to the position of the portion in the period, to enable output data to be derived from the stored information;